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ILL HEALTH DRIVES
CLIFTON MAN TO
END LIFEDespondency Over His Physical Con-
dition Causes Sam Sidebotham to
Seek Relief in Death Saturday Af-
ternoon. Burial Takes Place in
El Paso by Side of Wife.

Despondency over ill health was the cause of the self-inflicted gun shot wound which ended the life of Samuel Sidebotham on Saturday afternoon, at the home of his brother, Thomas Sidebotham, in North Clifton. The tragedy occurred at 2 o'clock, the victim living for two hours and passing away at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Sidebotham had returned but a day or two before from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Andrews of Lordsburg, and for some time previous his depression had been noticed by relatives, and thinking to cheer him up and arouse him from his morbid thoughts, he was asked to spend a few days at the home of his brother. He was apparently in good spirits Saturday morning, but, evidently he again became depressed over his debility and decided upon self-destruction as the easiest way out of his troubles.

About 2 o'clock his niece, Miss Nora Sidebotham, noticed him with a rifle in his hands and immediately called to her mother. Mrs. Sidebotham shouted to him that the gun was loaded, but had no more than uttered the words before the fatal shot was fired, the soft nose bullet entering the right side of the head above the temple and coming out on the left side. He never regained consciousness and passed away two hours later. The gun with which the deed was done was a 25-20 carbine.

Several years ago the deceased underwent a delicate operation following a severe attack of typhoid fever, from the effects of which he never fully recovered, his physical condition recently becoming worse and causing him a great deal of mental as well as bodily anguish. His condition preyed upon his mind to such an extent that death seemed preferable to years of endless suffering and he sought death as a surcease from his earthly miseries.

The remains were taken to the El Paso undertaking parlors and made ready for shipment. On Sunday evening at 9 o'clock short services were held at the mortuary conducted by Rev. Curry H. Love, a large number of his brother Oddfellows being in attendance. The body was taken to El Paso Monday morning for interment and was accompanied by relatives. Services were held under the auspices of the Oddfellow lodge at El Paso, deceased being a member of El Paso lodge No. 284. Interment was in Concordia cemetery by the side of his wife who preceded him in death some sixteen years ago.

The deceased was well and favorably known in this district being a man of excellent principals and business integrity, and one who through all his troubles always had a helping hand for the more unfortunate. He was 51 years of age and was born in Manchester, England, coming to this country 26 years ago and settling in El Paso where he lived for two years, later coming to Morenci and making that place his home for four years during which time he was in the employ of the Arizona Copper company. He later moved to Clifton where he had resided for a period of twenty years, having been until a year or two ago employed on the Coronado railroad. For the past year or more he has been in the automobile business, but recently erecting a fine brick garage on Chase Creek. His wife died in Clifton about 16 years ago.

Besides a daughter, Mrs. Robert Andrews, of Lordsburg and son Tom, of Clifton, the deceased leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. O. Moore of Morenci, and Mrs. Walter Tappin, Sr., of California and three brothers, Ed of Clifton, Jack of Morenci and Tom. He had for a number of years been a member of the Oddfellow and Moose lodges of which he was a faithful and willing worker and in whose activities he took a great deal of interest.

The tragic end of Mr. Sidebotham has cast a pall of gloom over his many friends in this section, the memory of which only time can eradicate.

CLIFTON ENGINEER VOLUNTEERS

On his way to report at San Francisco for service in the new engineering corps of the American army J. A. Lynde, of Clifton, a civil engineer in the employ of the A. & N. M. railroad, spent Friday morning in the city. Mr. Lynde gave up a splendid position to volunteer for service in Europe. He has received an appointment as sergeant and will be in the company commanded by Captain P. Reisinger, formerly chief engineer of the same railroad, who has received a commission in the engineers' corps.

Mr. Lynde made the survey for the railroad spur to the 85 mine and is well known in Lordsburg and throughout the southwest as an efficient and popular engineer. His many friends in Lordsburg and vicinity wish him the best of luck and success in his new field of engineering work in the army.—Lordsburg Liberal.

J. W. Bryant and son Raymond were Clifton visitors the first of the week from Duncan.

RED CROSS OFFICERS AND WAR COUNCIL



Photograph taken at the first meeting of the officers and newly appointed war council of the American Red Cross. Left to right, front row, Robert W. DeForest, vice president; Woodrow Wilson, president of the Red Cross; former President William H. Taft, chairman of the executive committee; Elliott Wadsworth, actual executive head of the organization. Back row, Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council; Grayson P. Murphy, Charles D. Norton and Edward N. Hurley, all members of the war council. Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., the only other member of the council, is not present.

LORDSBURG WILL
CELEBRATE
FOURTH

Preparations for celebrating the "Glorious Fourth" in Lordsburg are going ahead rapidly and already more than \$1000 has been raised for a two-days program of sports and entertainment that will make the national holiday this year notable in the history of the city.

A big barbecue, baseball, horse racing, dancing, auto racing, a children's entertainment and many other features are being planned, and committees have already started the work of arranging the details for the program. It will extend over two days, Wednesday and Thursday, July 4 and 5.

Extensive advertising of Lordsburg's celebration will be done in neighboring Arizona and New Mexico towns and preparations will be made for the reception of a monster crowd. A meeting of local boosters largely attended and enthusiastic, was held Monday evening and another session on Tuesday morning. It was agreed that nothing should be spared to make the celebration a patriotic occasion, long to be remembered.

The committee on arrangements which will have general charge is as follows: Joe Olney, Harry Farior, B. S. Jackson, Wm. Meaney, S. M. Chase and W. H. Graham.

The barbecue will be made a special feature. C. L. Rambolt has promised to donate a beef, M. T. Hardin will furnish a hog, and other donations are expected. The big "eat" will be given at 7 o'clock on the evening of July 4. The committee in charge includes: Levi Wright, D. Rambolt, J. A. Nicholson and Art Isom.

Two horse races are planned: a free-for-all, 550 yard running race for July 4 with two prizes, \$150 and \$100 with \$25 entrance fee; and a race for saddle horses July 5, prizes of \$100 and \$50, \$15 entrance fee, four horses to enter and three to start in both races. The committee in charge of the horse races includes: R. L. Wright, Joe Olney and S. M. Chase.

One hundred dollars has been appropriated for prizes in the children's entertainment, July 4. The committee in charge includes: J. S. Brown, E. A. McElgin and J. L. Augustine.

Baseball will also be featured and a game has been scheduled for July 4 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The teams to play will be announced later. Prizes will aggregate \$100. The committee includes: W. A. Gannon, Earle Kerr and H. Archuleta.

Twelve teams of motorcycle riders will be invited to hold an auto race from Clifton to Lordsburg, with a first prize of \$50. The committee in charge consists of J. S. Brown and W. Chesser.

Dancing and music will also be featured and \$100 has been appropriated for this department. Harry Farior, Charles Burch and Chas. Sullivan will have charge of this department.

Wide publicity and advertising will be given in the surrounding cities, both in Arizona and New Mexico. Geo. Keeley and R. E. Herron of the Western Liberal are the committee on advertising.

At a meeting of committees held Tuesday evening it was decided to make the auto race from Clifton to Lordsburg a contest for the best time. Drivers will be required to register at Pete Riley's pool hall in Clifton and at the postoffice in Lordsburg. The driver making the best time will get \$30 and the second best \$20. The baseball game will probably be between the Lordsburg team and a team from Tucson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Fehrmann and little child were guests of Duncan relatives Saturday.

DR. VON KLEINSMID
DELIVERS AN
ADDRESS

The talk given by Dr. von Klein Smid, president of the University of Arizona, in Clifton on Thursday evening at the tennis court on behalf of the Arizona Council of Defense, was well attended and the audience listened attentively to his timely talk on enlistment in the First Arizona, food production and Red Cross work.

Dr. von Klein Smid has been speaking in different parts of the state this week, the meetings being a branch of the State Defense Council, and he has been enthusiastically received at every place he has stopped. He is a forcible and able speaker and puts the various phases of the subjects discussed fairly up to the people in a manner that cannot be mistaken. Most of his remarks were confined to the food production question and Red Cross work, which subjects he handled in a thorough and concise manner, impressing upon his hearers the needs of both these branches so vital to the needs of the country at this time.

Enlistment in the First Arizona regiment also came in for a good share of attention from the speaker, and in the course of his remarks he urged upon the young manhood of the state to be not dilatory in answering their country's call but to uphold the honor and glory of the youngest state in the union by enlisting in the state organization and bringing it up to its full strength.

Space forbids a reproduction of Dr. von Klein Smid's speech in full but the subjects incorporated in it were treated in such a manner that they commanded the close attention of the audience until the end.

Appropos of the Red Cross week, it is understood that in about an hour this morning the sum of \$400 was collected on the East Side and that in the same length of time the Shannon smelter employees contributed something over \$100, with other parts not heard from at this time.

After the speaking on Thursday evening Dr. von Klein Smid was the guest of honor at a reception given at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at which a number of people were present.

Runaway Car—

On Wednesday morning a large tank car broke loose from the A. & N. M. switching crew in the yards at Chase Creek and came tearing down the line with great speed. A tragedy was narrowly averted near the A. C. store when H. L. Hall was crossing the track with two passengers in his auto. He failed to notice the onrushing car until bystanders shouted to him, and his presence of mind in giving the machine more speed saved them from possible death by a very small margin.

The car plunged down the track through the yards at the depot, safely negotiating the curves and the cut and also at the railroad bridge and by the time it reached the Reardon Hotel in South Clifton had lost its momentum, coming to a stop. That no one was hurt in its wild dash is considered miraculous as traffic on Chase Creek and at the crossings is heavy. It is understood that the car could not be held as the chains on the brake were out of commission and there was no way to stop it after it had gotten away.

Leave for Kentucky—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carr left on Thursday morning for their old home in Paducah, Ky., where they will again make their home. Mr. Carr has been employed on the A. & N. M. Ry. for the past eight months, and both he and his wife leave many friends who regret their departure.

James and Adam Smith spent Sunday in the valley taking in the sights.

BOOTLEGGERS WILL
RECEIVE NO MORE
PAROLES

The recommendation of Governor Campbell that the board of pardons and paroles issue no more recommendations for the relief of persons convicted of bootlegging will be given general approval in the opinion of the Arizona Republican. Comparatively few of the bootleggers who have had influential friends have served out the terms for which they have been sentenced and in many cases the fines assessed against them have gone by the board. It is remarkable how many of the bootleggers have become victims during their incarceration of disease which would certainly end in death in their cells unless they were released. From which we conclude that the bootleggers are persons of extremely low vitality, much more so than thieves, forgers and other classes who place themselves behind the bars.

The wholesale turning out of jail of these offenders against the constitution of the state tends to make a joke of the constitution and to override the will of the people so decidedly expressed last November. It is an encouragement to repeated violations of the prohibition law. It conveys an impression that it is officially believed that bootlegging is a rather respectable breach of the law, notwithstanding it is engaged in only by men who have occupied the lowest levels of society.

Bootlegging is a profitable business if it is not interrupted. It is so profitable that one can afford to take a chance of interruption and if it is made to appear that the interruption will cause him slight or only moderate cost or inconvenience, the kind of a man who would engage in that sort of business is encouraged to take the chance.

A very large number of the bootleggers who have been convicted are second, third and even fourth offenders. They took the chance because it involved only a minimum of ultimate risk.

If now our courts and officials will give to the law the force the voters intended it to have, bootlegging in Arizona will be broken up. If such sentences were imposed, with the certainty that they would be executed in full, as to make the offenders shrink with horror from a repetition of the dose, there would need be no repetition. No bootlegger would take the second chance and many persons inclined to bootlegging would not take the first one.

The governor points out that this crime is committed with peculiar, studied deliberation and that there is nothing, therefore, to be said in the bootlegger's behalf after the conviction.

All applications for pardon or parole are accompanied by petitions by many respectable, law-abiding citizens who, we think, would thank the governor and the board of pardons and paroles for relieving them of signing petitions in the future. As a rule, these signers either know or care nothing about the bootlegger. They sign, with inward reluctance, because somebody has asked them to do so. There is no man so low in the scale of humanity that he is without indirect connection with the best people in his community. He has a friend slightly, but only slightly higher than himself. That friend has a still higher friend and so the line extends to the uppermost level. The line frequently and generally runs upward, tortuous course along a political line, or maybe a lodge line, but anyway it runs upward through the whole structure of society.

It is now made clear that no petition in the case of a bootlegger will be considered, respectable citizens will be spared the embarrassment of attaching their names to such petitions.

EMPLOYEES SUBMIT
NEW DEMANDS
ON COMPANIESMine Managers Take Ten Days in
Which to Make Reply to Grievance
Committee. Conservative Element
in Control at Globe.

During the next ten days, dating from June 19th, 1917, the mine managers of the three large producing copper companies of the district, will make answer to a series of demands submitted to them on the morning of the 19th inst., by the district grievance committee acting for the employees of the copper companies of the Morenci-Clifton-Metacalf Mining district. The demands as formulated are the result of several meetings held in the district by the employees during the past two weeks and were adopted by the several local unions after considerable discussion and revision.

The demands as submitted are as follows:
Demands, Grievance Committee, June 19th, 1917.

1. That any grievance arising among men working on contracts shall be taken up in regular form by the grievance committee.

2. That any employee refusing to accept a contract shall not be discriminated against or discharged for refusing the same.

No men who are working in places where a contract is let shall be discriminated against or discharged on account of same.

3. That seniority rule must prevail both in increasing and decreasing the force.

4. That time and one-half be paid for all overtime and that time and one-half be paid to all craftsmen and their helpers for all Sunday work, the 4th of July and Christmas.

5. That the living conditions in this district are such that we are compelled to ask for the Miami scale of wages.

Upon the presentation of the demands by the Chairman and Secretary of the District Grievance Committee the mine managers requested a period of ten days to consider same and make reply which was granted. It is understood that the mine managers have made no intimation as to what course they will pursue regarding the demands submitted and the grievance committee is waiting their reply with the understanding in labor circles that if the demands are not complied with that a walk out of the employees will follow.

Information received in Clifton this week from Globe was to the effect that the employees in that district had decided not to make any new demands upon the mine managers in that district at the present time as the conservative element of the employees were in the majority and that no effort would be launched to hinder the production of copper at the present time.

HON. LAMAR COBB
THANKS ARIZONA PRESS

To the Arizona Press:
Copper Era, Clifton, Arizona.

Gentlemen—
Upon retiring June 15th from the responsible position of State Engineer which I have held during Governor Hunt's administration, I desire to thank the papers of the State for the very fair treatment they have accorded me during my tenure of office.

It has been my endeavor to administer the state highway funds to the best interests of the people of the entire state without prejudice or favor to or against any section and to secure a dollar's worth of work for every dollar expended. If my efforts have met with success it may be attributed in no small measure to the support given me by the daily and weekly papers of the state.

The work of this department is by far the most important, if measured by the amount of money expended, of any administered by a state official. During my five years in office I have directed the expenditure of and disbursement in round numbers two million dollars. Owing to the increased appropriations, including the Federal Aid Fund, this office will direct the expenditure of approximately two and one-half million dollars in the next two years, or over one million dollars annually. When these figures are compared with a total road expenditure by both county and state of less than two hundred thousand dollars in 1912, less than one fifth the amount to be expended annually during the next two years on state road construction alone, we begin to realize the rapidly increasing importance that highway construction occupies in governmental affairs.

The first and second reports of the State Engineer to the State Board of Control, which give an accounting in most complete detail of all expenditures from the state road funds during my tenure of office to June 30th, 1915, will be furnished upon request to the State Engineer. Report of the operations of the department for the present fiscal year ending the 15th day of the present month will be submitted by my successor.

Yours very truly,
LAMAR COBB,
State Engineer.

J. L. T. Watters, the Duran merchant, arrived in town on Tuesday afternoon where he spent a couple of days on business.

DOINGS OF WEEK
AT THE COURT
HOUSETelles Returns and New Bonds Fixed
after Old Ones Set Aside.—Sheriff
Raids Gambling Joint in Morenci
Arresting Operators of Games.

In the case of the State vs. Jose Telles, who forfeited his bond by non-appearance at the last term of court, the order forfeiting his bond was set aside. He was delivered into open court by Stephens and Schade, his bondsmen, and a new bond in the sum of \$1000 in each of six cases was fixed, the former bondsmen being accepted.

Joaquin Vasquez and Ismael Nunez plead guilty to transporting liquor and were sentenced to 6 months in jail and a fine of \$150 each.

Luis Ordas was granted a divorce from Anita Ordas on the grounds of desertion.

Winnie Spaw was granted a divorce from Will E. Spaw on the grounds of non-support.

The following marriage licenses were granted this week: Genaro Mexicano and Tomasito Garmona, Will Kartchner and Ollie Williamson, Viano Alvarez and Rita Rodallegas, Urbano Cano and Josefine Garcia, Sabas Martinez and Consuela Alvarez, Jas. E. Castle and Maria J. Cassares, L. L. Crowley and Minnie Cook, Jose Baltazar and Juana Martinez, J. F. Dees and Hallie Craig.

Sheriff's Office.

A Chinese gambling den in Morenci was raided by Sheriff Slaughter and deputies on Wednesday night by a clever ruse, one negro and two Mexicans who were running the games being taken into custody together with all the money and paraphernalia in sight. The men arrested in the raid are Clarence Morgan, Torriciano Torres and Frank Sigola. The raid was made by Sheriff Slaughter and Deputy Moore of Clifton and Deputy Hill of Morenci.

The officers had attempted to take the place in for some time but it was so well guarded by lookouts that an entrance was almost impossible. The officers, however, finally struck a game that worked to perfection and the raid came off without a hitch. Sheriff Slaughter and Deputy Moore motored to Morenci on Wednesday evening and in company with Deputy Hill proceeded to "make up" for the party they were to play. They arrayed themselves in old greasy clothes with caps pulled well down over their eyes, and with candle sticks and dinner pails in their hands they made the visit to the joint at 11 o'clock as the night shift were coming off duty. They passed the first lookout going down the narrow alley in safety and a second was encountered and also passed without trouble, the officers not being recognized in their working clothes, and they walked into the place without molestation.

It seems that if anyone passed the first lookout who looked suspicious, the watcher pressed a button which notified the gamblers inside to be prepared for his coming. By the time the person reached the gambling joint there was no evidence in sight and all he could see would be a friendly game of cards with no stakes, and only by the means employed by the officers on the occasion of the raid could they have gained admittance. After watching the stud and monte games for a few minutes without their presence being noticed Sheriff Slaughter told the operators that they were under arrest, and a more surprised bunch would be hard to find. The money, chips and cards were dumped into sacks and brought to Clifton where the three prisoners were locked up. The men were tried before Judge Lally at Morenci on Thursday afternoon when they were fined \$100 each, the fines of the Mexicans being remitted, Morgan having to pay his fine of \$100 and costs of \$25.

Visits El Paso—

The Fat Kid, one of the proprietors of the Auto Cigar Stand, was a business visitor to the Pass City the first of the week. During his trip it is understood that he became interested "somewhere in Juarez" and it took the combined efforts of the military and civil authorities to secure his release. Max says he was kept incommunicado for several hours, having evidently been taken for an alien spy, but his friends are of the opinion that he lacked car fare back to this side of the border and had to telegraph to Clifton for more funds. The Fat Kid says Juarez is a gay place and the tourist and his duets are soon parted.

Dewey Teacher who is working with

the road engineers above Vernalis walked home Sunday morning returning Tuesday.

The carpenters on the new school building are rapidly bringing the work to completion. When finished the building will be the best made building in this part of the county and will fill a long felt need of a proper building for educational efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Abraham and guest, Miss Levy, were visitors at the Jas. V. Parks home in Duncan on Sunday. Their daughter, Miss Leah, accompanied them home after a two week's visit with Miss Fredina Parks.